The following Listing Of Claims replaces and supercedes all prior such listings.

Listing Of Claims:

1.(Currently Amended) A method for processing input from a command line interface, wherein the input comprises a macro, the method comprising: replacing the macro with a~~~~ an executable command; and, executing the command.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising prompting a user to identify ~~the~~ an executable command that is to replace the macro, wherein the replacing step further comprises replacing the macro with the ~~entered~~ identified executable command.

3.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: prompting a user to identify a function that is to be used to generate ~~a~~ the executable command to replace the macro; and calling the identified function to generate ~~the~~ said executable command, wherein the replacing step further comprises replacing the macro with the generated command.

4.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of replacing further comprises ~~comprising~~ calling a script engine to generate script to replace the macro with the executable command.

5.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: prompting a user to identify a script that is to be used to generate ~~a~~ the executable command to replace the

macro; calling ~~the~~ a script engine to execute the identified script to generate ~~the~~ said

executable command, wherein the replacing step further comprises replacing the macro

with the generated command.

6.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising calling a function to

generate ~~the~~ an executable command to replace the macro, wherein the replacing step

further comprises replacing the macro with the generated command.

7.(Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the function is called from a run-time

library.

8.(Original) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable

instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

9.(Currently Amended) A method for processing a batch file comprising at least one

macro, the method comprising: parsing the batch file to locate text representing the

macro; expanding the macro into ~~a~~ an executable command; and executing the batch file,

including the command.

10.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the expanding step further

comprises: in a first pass through the batch file, prompting the user to identify a function

to be used to generate ~~the~~ an executable command; replacing the macro with a second

macro representing the identified function; in a second pass through the batch file, using

the second macro to invoke the represented function and generate ~~the~~ an executable

command and replace the macro with the generated command.

11.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the expanding step further

comprises: in a first pass through the batch file, locating a function identified by the

macro; using the identified function to generate a second macro representing a second

function; in a second pass through the batch file, using the second macro to invoke the

second function and generate ~~the~~ an executable command; and replacing the second

macro with the generated command.

12.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising: prompting the user

to input data for expanding the macro; reading a field in the macro to determine the type

of data that is to be received from the user; and receiving the user input; ~~and~~, wherein the

step of expanding the macro is based on the determined type of data.

13.(Original)   The method of claim 12, wherein, if the determined data type is a

filename, providing a means for allowing the user to browse available files and select a

file to be used to expand the macro.

14.(Original)   A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable

instructions for performing the method of claim 9.

15.(Currently Amended) A system for processing command line input, the system

comprising: a command line interface for receiving the command line input; and a

command line processor for parsing the command line input, identifying one or more

macros within the input, expanding the one or more macros into <u>executable</u> commands,

and executing the commands.

16.(Original)   The system of claim 15, further comprising a plug-in module for defining

at least one of the macros, wherein the plug-in module is accessible by the command line

processor.

17.(Original)   The system of claim 15, further comprising a run-time library having

functions that are executable by the command line processor to replace at least one of the

macros with a line of text.

18.(Original)   The system of claim 15, further comprising a run-time library having

functions that are executable by the command line processor to replace at least one of the

macros with another macro.

19.(Original)   The system of claim 15, further comprising: a scripting engine invokable

by the command line processor; and a computer-readable medium having stored thereon

a script that is executable by the scripting engine to replace at least one of the one or

more macros with a line of text when the scripting engine is invoked by the command

line processor.

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20.(Original)   The system of claim 15, further comprising a computer-readable medium having stored thereon a text file having one or more lines of commands, wherein at least one of the lines of commands includes at least one of the one or more macros.

21.(Original)   The system of claim 20, further comprising a means for reading the text file.